

**ADVICE TO  
WIVES**  
**Mrs. Parker's Admonition**

**DON'T SIGN MORTGAGES****Kansas Women Preaches a Sermon for Benefit of Oklahoma Women**

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Wichita, Kas., Dec. 31.—The Oklahoma money lender is in a state over the wide-spreading influence of an ad recently issued by Mrs. Parker, of Garfield county, under the catchy title, "Wives Don't Sign that Mortgage." "In a despatch of the past few years in Oklahoma has of great interest for local investments, especially in the Cherokee strip, and all kinds of promoters have been and now are in there showing the farmers how they can make money at this and that scheme. There was a pronounced tendency among the farmers to secure money for speculative investments upon mortgages, when Mrs. Parker, who had experience in the Kansas boom, issued an address to the farmers' wives cautioning them against giving their consent to the mortgaging of the homestead. In her address there was a wondrous lot of common sense and a still more lot of sentiment, and it was well that there was, for the women caught the sentiment more rapidly than they did the "facts and figures," and while the other features of Mrs. Parker's address have been forgotten the sentiment crystallized in the slogan, "Wives Don't Sign that Mortgage" has reached every woman in Oklahoma. The use of the expression is now so common in Oklahoma that the farmers are actually ashamed to make any mortgages for fear their neighbors would think they coerced their wives into signing them.

It is estimated that Mrs. Parker's timely address to the women of Oklahoma will be worth more to the people of the strip than the free homes bill. Not more than 5 per cent of the strip farms are now mortgaged, and as there is no necessity for farmers borrowing it is not likely that they will mortgage their lands under the present sentimental conditions.

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The Comptroller Candy Company, Inc., of the B.C.C. for each, brought out below.

CALL TO NATIONAL BANKS.

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Washington, Dec. 31.—The member of the Oklahoma City morning news staff for a copy of the new edition of the National banks at the close of business Thursday. Price, per copy.

Help is needed at once when a house goes up in flames. A neighbor enough or would soon burn himself and his home and should be stopped at once. This means though time gained enough and saving the most damage.

Written by J. B. Wallace.

# Welcome

The Hardware, Queenware, Dry Goods, Drapery, Stationery, Groceries and Clothing

Our Oklahoma Supply and Trading Company is prepared and able to furnish everybody living in the state with all kinds of goods.

Gas stoves per pound \$1.00  
Gas ranges per pound \$1.00  
Wood burning ranges per pound \$1.00  
Gasoline cans per gallon \$1.00

General Hardware and Trade Goods. All are the best we sell. We also sell the best from the best companies in the state.

Goods Delivered to all Parts of the City

JENKINS MER. CO.

**URGENT NEED OF  
A PENITENTIARY.**

Oklahoma Has Paid Out Large Sum to Other States.  
A penitentiary for Oklahoma, in the opinion of Territorial Auditor Hopkins, is to be greatly desired from an economic standpoint. A very large amount of money paid each year from the territorial treasury into the treasury of the state of Kansas for the care of the territory's prisoners, and the advisability of erecting a penitentiary for Oklahoma before its admission as a state, or receiving the consideration of local statesmen.

For a few years following the organization of the territory the prisoners were sent to Jacksonville, Ill., and housed in the penitentiary there, and subsequently a great saving in transportation charges was effected by a contract with the Kansas authorities. The amount paid annually for the care of the prisoners has come to be a formidable item in the list of the territorial expenditures. At present time Oklahoma owes the state on the north the sum of \$44,386.72 for which warrants have been issued, but upon which actual payments have not yet been made. No difficulty is anticipated in discharging this debt, but in the meantime the bill is growing larger. The number of territorial prisoners has kept pace with the increase of population and the amount which must be paid Kansas for the two years just past will reach nearly \$60,000. Auditor Hopkins says.

Meanwhile, Kansas utilizes the labor of Oklahoma's prisoners in the various shops and factories of her big institution, the proceeds contributing to the support and maintenance of the state government. For this Oklahoma receives no return whatever, and the money thus accruing to the benefit of the state is not included in the figures showing Oklahoma's debt to the state. Had the territory a prison of its own, it is argued, the proceeds of the labor of her convicts would remain at home and benefit Oklahoma.

At nearly every session of the legislature bills for the establishment of a territorial prison have been introduced and urged for passage, but in every instance their projectors have failed of their purpose. The last legislature was no exception. Generally the bills have been turned down on the plea that the territory could not afford the expense of erecting a penitentiary, but with the numbers of prisoners and the consequent expense for their care increasing, Auditor Hopkins considers this false economy.

To erect a territorial prison would of course, incur a great expense and it would be impossible to say how many years it would take the territory to pay for itself before the size of the institution is determined,

said Mr. Hopkins today. As a plain business proposition, however, it is evident that a penitentiary would prove a money-making venture. The expense of caring for the prisoners at the Kansas prison is increasing and will continue to increase, as the facilities improve in proportion. We will have to bear our share of the burden when Oklahoma becomes a state, and in supporting the expense we will not mind that. The expense of such an institution would be small.

PAID DEAR FOR HER VISK.

H. D. McRAE, of AMERICAN CITY, Okla., died early yesterday afternoon at his residence there, after having suffered from a heart attack for about a week. He was 60 years old. His death is the result of a long history of heart trouble. He had been a member of the American Legion for many years. He was born in 1860, in New York City, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Masonic Lodge, the Elks Club, and the Moose Lodge. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of American City, and was a member of the American Legion.

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